

SCARBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER of HEALTH
for
1943.

To the Chairman and Members of the Scarborough Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

In circular 10/44 issued by the Ministry of Health to Medical Officers of Health none of the items mentioned affect our district very much and do not call for special mention.

The only exception is the reference to water supply.

I think I may report that the district is now well supplied with good water. In the larger villages and many of the smaller ones there is a piped supply. Where that is not so the water is got from springs. There are very few houses in the area dependent upon a supply from sunken wells.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The number of children under 5 years old is approximately 490; of these about 40% have been treated. Above 5 and under 15 there are about 1,030 of whom about 90% have been immunised, (Ministry's note- "These figures are for official use only and not for publication").

Vital Statistics.

The population of the district at the middle of 1943 is estimated at 6,840.

Births. During the year 105 births were registered - 49 males and 56 females, of whom 1 male and 2 females were illegitimate. The birth rate therefore is 15.35. That for England and Wales is 16.5.

Infantile Death Rate. 5 deaths of children under one year took place - a death rate of 47.6 per 1000 children born. For England and Wales it was 49.

Deaths. During the year 103 deaths occurred - 39 males and 64 females - a death rate of 15. For the whole country it was 12.1.

The chief causes of deaths were - Heart disease - 31; Other diseases of the circulatory system - 7; Cancer 14; Intracranial Vascular Lesions - 13, Pneumonia - 7; Tubercular disease - 5. No deaths from infectious diseases.

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